

needing wings for these weights. These are found in foreign missions. I find, when I bring before the people a more perfect knowledge of heathen conditions, I can raise three dollars for foreign missions to where I can raise one for other enterprises. The easiest way under the sun to get a man to give is by talking foreign missions to him. When a man begins to give to foreign missions, he will likewise give to other enterprises. The more I talk foreign missions to my people, the more liberal do they become along the line of home missions. One of these fellows in our church—a foreign mission enthusiast, with a “zeal not according to knowledge (?)” in a personal letter to me recently said, “I paid out at least twelve hundred dollars into church enterprises in the space of one year.” Brother, perhaps if you, like this man, get more “enthusiastic over foreign missions” you will not have to forlornly say, “We cannot near supply the demand at home.” Now brethren, when you find me an individual, a congregation, or a denomination, that thru true foreign missionary enthusiasm, is made less loyal to home enterprises, I will credit you with the best of the argument. If you can’t do this, then quit throwing cold water on the struggling flame, but help us “poke it up” a little.

We have no excuse to offer for these words, except an aching heart. We have foreign mission money in our hands. To whom shall we send it? To some one who is not building up our precious faith in Jesus? Must we hold it here in our hands, an unused talent, when the pitiful cry comes to our ears, “Come over and help us today, TODAY!” Must we hold the seed from the fertile soil while the summer swift passes away? Must we stand holding the Bread of Life in our hands—waiting—waiting—while our brothers are dying—one hundred thousand a day?

A young English clergyman knowing of the Duke of Wellington’s long residence in India once asked him, “Does not your grace think it almost useless and extravagant to preach the gospel to these degraded, ignorant, and superstitious Hindoos?” The great soldier replied as a soldier should, “Look sir, to your marching orders: ‘Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.’” It is not for a true soldier to reason what or why.

Soldiers of Jesus Christ, “Look to your marching orders!”

Roann, Ind.

Church News

Louisville, Ohio

Perhaps a few lines from this place would be of interest to some. First of all I wish to mention the work of my former pastorate of which perhaps we should have spoke of ere this, but being so busy since here we could not. My labors among the many good people of Bryan and Bethesda were both pleasant and profitable. While there are a few there “Whose end (except they repent) is

destruction, whose god is their belly, whose glory is in their shame, who mind earthly things,” there are those who are loyal to their church and loyal to Christ and his kingdom, growing in grace and knowledge of Christ, developing in the higher spiritual life, being endued with power with which to perform the work whereunto they have been called. These, during our stay of almost two years with them, stood by their pastor, supported the institutions of the church, contributed generously to the cause of missions. No pastor in the Brethren church will be more kindly remembered with the necessities of life than the one who serves the Bryan and Bethesda churches. May God richly reward them for their spirit of helpfulness.

We congratulate Brother Grisso having secured this work and pray God that his success among them may be greater than my own. I had the pleasure of receiving thirteen souls into the church while there. Raised about \$63 for mission, beside money for other purposes. They are also loyal supporters of the BRETHREN EVANGELIST.

Having received a unanimous call to the Louisville work, we resigned this pleasant work in favor of a larger field of labor to which we confidently believe the Lord has called us.

Tho the wolf has entered the fold where Brother Kimmel had been so successfully shepherding and scattered the sheep, we are thankful to God to be able to say the work is gaining strength and the prospects are bright. We have newly organized the young people’s work, and expect great things from them. We also have a live prayer meeting, and church services on the Lord’s day are generally well attended. We think the meetings of State Conference were a benefit to the church as well as having made a good impression upon the town. More in the future. Yours in the work.

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Personal Observations

Thru the mercy and blessing of God it was my privilege to attend the recent Pennsylvania and Ohio State Conventions. I have attended so many conventions of the church, both State and National that they have lost their novelty to me, yet it is always pleasant to meet with the brethren again after the lapse of a year.

In point of interest or lack of interest as the case may be, I did not notice much difference between the Pennsylvania and Ohio Conventions. The former is a little better organized than the latter, but that does not add anything to the interest of the sessions, in fact it tends to make a convention painfully conventional.

There were two elements of interest lacking in both conventions. One was accurate reports of the work done and the visible results of it; the other, a spirit of real whole-souled aggressiveness in the work of the future. There is a tendency to let things drift rather than to shape them. Preachers ought

to have interest enough in their calling to gather up annually every detail of their work and present it in written compact form at the annual conventions. We business men who are taxed from morning to night, year in and year out do not fail to keep accounts of business done. I can furnish at a moment’s notice the sales or expenses of any given day for many years in the past. I can give the aggregate of each year’s business. I can give the gain or loss of each year, why should a preacher not be able to do the same? In my particular case it is not done by hired help. I do it all myself, preach nearly every Sabbath once or twice, and carry on a large correspondence besides, both in business and in the church. I cannot conceive of any real excuse for the indifference in the matter of reports which has been manifest during the history of the Brethren church. We come together annually in the conventions and then are ashamed to publish the result of our work as it is presented, and well we may be.

There is an old adage, “It is a poor rule that does not work both ways.” Well, the rule in this case works both ways; the indifference in the work of the past, is characteristic in the work of the future. Tho prophecy is fulfilling on every hand with amazing rapidity, and the coming of the Lord near at hand, many are virtually asleep, instead of watching for his advent as we are commanded to do. One of these days he will come upon an unprepared church as a thief in the night. If we were really alive to times in which we live our conventions would be seasons of stirring activity in the study of the word, and in the study of the signs of the times, and in devising ways and means for carrying the gospel to the ends of the earth.

I trust in the near future our conventions will deviate from the mere routine of business and give more attention to the critical study of the word, so that our vision of God, his plan, and our work may be expanded, so we shall more fully realize the importance of our individual agency in the consummation of his eternal purpose.

Thru an unexpected train of providence the writer was elected one of the Trustees of Ashland University. This served the Board to a good purpose as the annual meeting was called to meet at Louisville during the time of the Ohio Convention, and when the time came there was not a quorum present, being in position to act as a member I made the fact known and thus averted a postponement.

It is not my business to report the business transacted, suffice it to say, College matters are brightening up, and if I may be allowed to do a little prophecy, I venture to say that in a few years from now a good many that are now indifferent, and others who refuse to pay their apportionments to the College will be thoroughly ashamed of their conduct, as it is yet destined to become the feeder to the ministry of the church, and churches which now refuse to pay will be glad to call for the ministers that will receive their training there.